(c) whether the meeting of M.Ps. convened by the Minister on 15 Point Programme suggested certain measures for the effective implementation of the programme; if so, the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) The States have been conducting quarterly review meetings at the level of Chief Minister and/or Chief Secretary and monthly review meetings at the level of District Magistrates/Divisional Commissioners, though not very regularly. The need for holding regular quarterly review meetings at Chief Minister/Chief Secretary level and monthly review meetings at District Magistrates level was emphasised in the Conference of State Ministers held on the 20th September, 1988.

(b) Most of the States/Union Territories have adopted the new format for sending information on implementation of the 15 Point Programme. The information received indicates that there is now greater awareness about the welfare of minorities

(c) The suggestions made are being examined.

Recommendations of the Conference of Chairmen of Central and State Minorities Commission

405. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the major recommendations of the Conference of Chairman of Central and State Minorities Commissions held recently in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have accepted these recommendations, if not, the reasons thereof;

(c) how many such conferences have taken place so far and whether any of the recommendations have been accepted at all by the Government, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government will reconsider its decision not to grant statutory or constitutional status to the Minorities Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) The major recommendations of the Conference of the Chairmen and Members of the Central & State Minorities Commissions/Boards held on November 17-18, 1988 relate to implementation of the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, greater employment and job opportunities for the minorities and their educational and economic progress. Specifically, the Conference called for a separate Component Plan for Welfare of Minorities The Conference also reiterated its earlier recommendation for conferring statutory powers on the Commission.

(b) to (d) The major recommendations of the last Conference and also of the two earlier Conferences held in 1984 and 1986 are generally covered by the Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities and the Programme of Action under the National Policy on Education. These do not therefore, call for any separate action. There is also no proposal to grant statutory/Constitutional Status to the Commission or to have a separate component plan for welfare of minorities

Setting up of Unified Transport Authority

406. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Unified Transport Authority for Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed authority; and

(c) to what extent the problem of traffic rush on roads in the capital is likely to be solved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) While the Government appreciates the need for a Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority in Delhi, a final decision regarding its constitution, organisation and functions has not been taken so far.

(c) Such an Authority can be expected to deal with the stated problem in so far as it will be charged with the responsibility of planning coordinating and overseeing the working of different modes of transport in the City.

Introduction of a Mass Rapid Transport System in the Capital

407 SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an urgent need to have a Mass Rapid Tarnsport System in the caiptal;

(b) whether more than 1 lakh vehicles are added on the roads in the capital every year;

(c) whether the Cantral Road Research Institute (CRRI) has made plans for a mass transport system for Delhi; and

(d) if so, what other steps Government propose to take to make the transport system more effective in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Government appreciates the need for a mass rapid transport system for Delhi.

(b) Between 1977--1985, the motor vehicles registered in Delhi increased from 389000 to 841000.

(c) Yes, Sir. In 1971.

(d) The question of making the transport system more effective is under constant review with a view to establishing a reliable efficient and functional multi-modal transportation system; and to establish reasonable freedom to automobile traffic and to ensure safe pedestrian movement through innovative management techniques.

Widespread use of Video Cassette Recorders

408. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide-spread use of Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs), particularly in the metropolitan areas of the country and, if so, what is the approximate number of VCRs being used in the country; and

(b) whether it is a fact that unscrupulous advertisers who cannot use the Doordarshan or newspapers are openly and exhaustively using the home-viewing VCR tapes to project sex remedies, liquor and magical cures to the innocent viewers, and if so, what action Government propose to take to check such advertisements?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) It is a fact that there is widespread use of Video Cassette Recorders (VCRs) particularly in the metropolitan areas of the country. No official estimates are available on total population of VCRs/VCPs in the country. However, as per some surveys by private agencies, the population of VCRs/VCPs in the country is estimated to be about 2 millions.

(b) Government have no information about the unscrupulous advertisers using exhaustively home viewing VCR tapes to project sex remedies,